

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Sri P. Rama Rao, formerly Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District and presently Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) – Departmental proceedings under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charge – Issued

FINANCE (ADMN.I.VIG.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 4551

Dated: 31-12 -2009
Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.329 Finance (Admn.I.Vig.) Dept., dated 31-12-2009

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule.20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in connection with his irregular passing for payment of (2) Cosmetic charges bills for an amount of Rs.10,83,283/- preferred by the DTWO, Paderu.

2. The substance of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure –I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of the charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which the article of charge is proposed to be sustained is also enclosed (Annexure-III). He is also furnished herewith copies of documents in support of the article of charge.

3. Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only if article of charge is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence within the stipulated time further action as deemed fit will be taken as per provisions of rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule.9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To

Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd.)
through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Hyderabad.

2. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts. A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Hyderabad.

(Induplicate). He is requested to serve the Government orders on the retired officer duly obtaining his dated signature on the duplicate copy of the orders and resubmit the same to this office immediately.

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ANNEXURE-I

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. RAMA
RAO, ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (RETIRED), SUB TREASURY,
PADERU.**

ARTICLE OF CHARGE: “that the said Sri P. Rama Rao while working as Assistant Treasury Officer in the Sub Treasury Office, Paderu during March, 2006 has irregularly approved pay orders on the two contingent claims for Rs.4,59,670/- with Trans ID No.14310-B dtd. 18-03-2006 and Rs.6,23,613/- with Trans ID No.14312-B dtd. 18-03-2006 under the head of A/c. 2225-02-277-00-05-210-211 preferred by the Drawing Disbursing Officer, O/o the D.T.W.O., Paderu without scrutinizing the bills as per procedure laid down under SR-1, 2 (d) & 7 of TR-16 and the instructions thereon in the A.P .Treasury & Accounts Functionary Manual.” Thereby failed to maintain absolute integrity, show devotion to duty and exhibit sense of propriety in violation of Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS FOR THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. RAMA RAO, ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (RETD), FORMERLY ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER, SUB TREASURY, PADERU

The District Tribal Welfare Officer, Paderu has presented two bills on 18-03-2006 for an amount of Rs.10,83,283/- (one for Rs.4,59,670/- with Trans ID No.14310-B dtd. 18-03-2006 and another for Rs.6,23,613/- with Trans ID No.14312-B dtd. 18-03-2006) on fully vouchered contingent bill in APTC Form.58 towards charges of cosmetic items under Head of A/c 210/211 to the Tribal Welfare hostels and Ashram Schools and submitted them for passing for payment in the Sub Treasury, Paderu. The Staff of Sub Treasury, Paderu has passed those bills for payment on 29-03-2006. It is noticed that the sub vouchers of those bills are only “Advance Bills” issued by the supplier, though stock entries were found made on them. The claims are not arithmetically accurate. In one of the Sub Vouchers (No.161) enclosed to the bill for Rs.4,59,670/-pertaining to the payment of cosmetic items for supply to Tribal Welfare Institutions, the total amount for the supplies made shown as Rs.42222/-, is found altered as Rs.59893/- and the quantities, rate and amount of each item are also seen altered. Even after taking into account the corrected figures, the values are not agreeing with the amounts against the items shown in the Sub-vouchers. The alterations for the excess claim of Rs.0.18 lakh are found not attested either by the recipient of the goods or by the D.D.O. However the bills were irregularly admitted by the ATO, Paderu and an amount of Rs.59893/- was paid without scrutinizing and conducting minimum checks on the bills as per procedure laid down under SR-1, 2 (d) & 7 of TR-16 and the instructions thereon in the A.P. functionary manual.

2. Further, in the contingent bill for Rs.6,23,613/- presented by the DTWO, Paderu on 18th March, 2006 towards supply of cosmetics, on a fully vouched contingent bill form, the total amount of the invoice was shown as Rs.6.38 lakh while the amount as per the quantities and the rates worked out in the voucher is Rs.8.66 lakh. The claim was however, restricted by the DDO to Rs.6.24 lakh so as to draw the entire balance available under that particular head of account for 2005-06. Stock receiving entries are found not recorded on the vouchers. However, the ATO, Paderu passed it on 29th March, 2006 for payment.

3. Therefore, Sri P. Rama Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retd), Sub Treasury, Paderu has failed to conduct the minimum checks that he is supposed to exercise under SR-1 of TR.16, SR-2 (d) of TR-16, SR-7 under TR-16 also as prescribed in para 4.17 under Annexure-III of A.P. Treasuries and Accounts Functionary Manual. This resulted in irregular draws by the DDOs. Thus it is found that the said Sri P. Rama Rao, while working as Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury, Paderu has failed to show devotion to duty and exhibit sense of propriety in violation of Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Thus the charge.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

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Annexure – III

**List of Documents based on which the article of charge against Sri P. RAMA RAO,
ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (RETIRED) is proposed to be sustained.**

1. Copies of the paid Vouchers of the two claims listed in Annexure.II.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

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